

By: Representative Lott

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL
2 DELEGATION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO END THE ABUSE OF TORT
3 LAW AGAINST THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY.

4 WHEREAS, citizens have a right, protected by the Second
5 Amendment to the United States Constitution, to keep and bear
6 arms; and

7 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers,
8 distributors, dealers and importers of firearms that operate as
9 designed and intended, which seek money damages and other relief
10 for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties,
11 including criminals; and

12 WHEREAS, the manufacture, importation, possession, sale and
13 use of firearms and ammunition in the United States are heavily
14 regulated by federal, state and local laws, including the Gun
15 Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act and the Arms Export
16 Control Act; and

17 WHEREAS, businesses in the United States that are engaged in
18 interstate and foreign commerce through the lawful design,
19 manufacturing, marketing, distribution, importation or sale to the
20 public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or
21 transported in interstate or foreign commerce are not, and should
22 not be, liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or
23 unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that
24 function as designed and intended; and

25 WHEREAS, thirty-three states have passed legislation
26 protecting firearms and ammunition manufacturers, and legislation
27 in Congress supporting this measure has broad bipartisan support:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
30 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature requests our elected
31 representatives and senators in the United States Congress to end
32 the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 furnished to Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and to the
35 members of the Capitol Press Corps.